

Washington Update

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Welcome to my Washington Update, an e-mail newsletter for the constituents of California's 29th Congressional District. Through these quick-read updates, I hope to keep you informed of progress being made in Washington, D.C. and at home on public policy issues of interest to our communities.

Historic Iraqi Election is Completed

Last week, Iraq held democratic elections for a parliament that will remain in place for the next four years. On Wednesday, Congressman Adam Schiff and a small group of House Democrats met with President Bush, Vice-President Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, to discuss the Iraqi election. Congressman Schiff voiced concerns about the progress of the war and made several proposals for improving the situation on the ground, weakening the insurgency and easing the burden on our troops.

White House Conference on Aging

Congressman Schiff met with Thomas Shea of Alhambra, a representative from Methodist Hospital in Arcadia, and a professor from California State University to discuss important legislative issues to be addressed at the White House Conference on Aging. The White House Conference on Aging, which takes place every ten years, makes recommendations to the President and Congress on national aging policies. This year's event focused on the 78 million baby boomers that will begin turning 60 in January.

"Meeting the needs of our growing senior population will be a significant challenge for the next decade," said Congressman Schiff. "I will continue my work in Congress to provide quality health care, housing, and a strong Social Security program for our seniors."

Click here to see a photo of Congressman Schiff meeting with Mr. Shea.

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